

REMARKS

I. Status

Claims 1-18 are pending in this Application.

The Title is objected to.

Claims 5, 7, and 8 are objected to.

Claims 1-4, 6, 9, 14, 17, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Oya (U.S. Patent No. 6,208,379).

Claims 10, 11, 15, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oya in view of SanGregory (U.S. Patent No. 5,373,341).

Claims 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oya.

Of the currently pending claims, claim 1 is independent.

With this response, claims 2, 5-7, 12-14, 17, and 18 are amended, claims 1, 3, 4, 9-11, 15, and 16 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 19-21 are added. No new matter has been added.

II. Objection to the Title

The Office Action objects to the Title, the Office Action stating that:

“[t]he title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed”
(see Office Action p. 2).

Applicants respectfully submit that the Title, as originally provided, is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72. Nevertheless, in order to facilitate prosecution, with this response

Applicants change the title to read "IMAGE-TAKING APPARATUS CAPABLE OF DISTRIBUTING TAKEN IMAGES OVER NETWORK."

In view of at least the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

III. Amendment of Claims 2, 5-7, 12-14, 17, and 18, Cancellation of Claims 1, 3, 4, 9-11, 15, and 16, and Addition of Claims 19-21

With this response, Applicants amend claims 2, 5-7, 12-14, 17, and 18, cancel claims 1, 3, 4, 9-11, 15, and 16, and add claims 19-21. No new matter has been added.

The Office Action indicates that claims 5, 7, and 8 are "objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims."

With this response, claim 5 is amended to include all aspects of claims 1 and 4, and claim 7 is amended to include all aspects of claim 1.

In view of at least the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 5 and 7, as well as those claims that depend therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

IV. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is in condition for allowance for which action is earnestly solicited.

If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this Application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

V. Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required for this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5251.

Furthermore, in the event that an extension of time is required, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above-noted Deposit Account and Order No.

Respectfully submitted,

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